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US man arrested in Washington metro bombing plot

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A Pakistani-American was arrested yesterday for plotting to cause carnage on Washington's subway system by carrying out bomb attacks with people he believed were tied to Al-Qaeda, officials said.

Farooque Ahmed, 34, had been allegedly observing, video-taping and photographing Metro stations in and around the American capital since April to plan the attacks, which would have been carried out next year.

"Farooque Ahmed is accused of plotting with individuals he believed were terrorists to bomb our transit system, but

a coordinated law enforcement and intelligence effort was able to thwart his plans," David Kris, assistant attorney general for national security told reporters.

The White House said the US public was never in danger from the alleged plot, and that President Barack Obama had been aware of it before Ahmed's arrest.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the Justice Department, the FBI and national security officials had been on "top of this case from the beginning."

"At no point was the public in any danger," he added.

'Bin Laden' blames France for abductions



This SITE image grab from a video shows hostages seized in Niger by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, among whom are five French. Al Qaeda's leader has apparently declared the kidnapping of five French nationals in Niger was prompted by France's unjust treatment of Muslims.

Stern Motors sponsors local soccer team



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Caribbean countries on cholera alert

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Health authorities in the region are taking no chances with the cholera epidemic in Haiti, and are getting themselves ready for the possibility of it spreading outside that Caribbean country.

Up to yesterday, there were more than 4000 confirmed cases, including 300 fatalities, reported in Haiti.

And the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)

says its Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC) in Trinidad is helping ministries of health to mobilize and be prepared for any potential cases in the other islands.

Since cases of cholera emerged in Haiti last week, several countries have gone on high alert.

PAHO's Deputy Director, Dr Jon K Andrus says the probability of cholera appearing in neighbouring Domini-

can Republic is high, given the continual flow of people across the border. That country has mobilised a contingency plan in the border area, partly closing four crossing points to those without passports.

Meantime, the World Health Organisation (WHO) spokesperson Fadela Chaib has said "there is no need to close the borders or restrict travel or trade because a neighbouring country has cholera."



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Cholera aid center shutdown after Haitian protest

SAINT MARC, Haiti (AFP) - Aid workers halted the installation of a vital treatment center in the epicenter of Haiti's cholera outbreak yesterday after a violent protest by several hundred residents opposed to its proximity to two schools.

Argentine troops with the UN force in Haiti (MINUSTAH) intervened after residents of Saint Marc threw stones at medical workers with Doctors Without Borders late Tuesday as they set up a specialized treatment center outside overwhelmed St. Nicholas hospital.

Yesterday, MSF workers began dismantling the treatment center in response to the protests, as Argentine troops stood watch.

The facility was to have been used to take in the overflow of patients from St.

Nicholas, but residents feared that its proximity to two schools would expose more people to cholera.

"The idea was to move the patients out of the hospital, but what we should have done first was to talk to the people in the community, to help them understand what we were doing," Haitian doctor Yfto Maquette told AFP in the Saint Nicolas courtyard, where hundreds of patients waited for treatment.

"It was a big misunderstanding," he added.

"The fact that we don't have the center is stopping us from effectively treating people," said a MSF official who declined to be named. "We need to get the message out that cholera is a disease that we are very experienced in treating,"

he told AFP next to the open air reception here where patients lined up to be admitted.

Dozens of sickened people in cots under makeshift tarp shade -- who could have been moved to the new facility -- waited for doctors to reach them to administer aid.

Nearly 300 people have been killed in the outbreak and over 4,000 have been sickened by the virulent disease that is spread by contaminated water and food.

Officials warned yesterday that Haiti should prepare for the worst as hundreds more patients packed into hospitals.

It is thought the source of the disease is water from the Artibonite River that runs from the border to Haiti's Caribbean coast at Saint Marc.

Toll passes 270 in Indonesia tsunami disaster

PADANG, Indonesia (AFP) - The toll from a tsunami which smashed into Indonesia rose sharply past 270 yesterday as rescuers reached the remote islands hit hardest by the disaster and found scenes of devastation.

At least 10 villages were flattened when the tsunami triggered by a 7.7-magnitude offshore earthquake pounded the Mentawai islands late Monday off the west coast of Sumatra.

Survivors said they had no warning that the three-meter (10-foot) wave was bearing down on the Mentawais, a popular destination for foreign surfers but otherwise a poor and neglected outpost in the vast Indonesian archipelago.

The first images from the scene of the disaster, broadcast late yesterday on Indonesian television, showed shell-shocked villagers picking

through the sodden ruins of their homes.

Officials said almost 42,000 people had fled to temporary shelters around the nearby city of Yogyakarta, but there were fears for the fate of thousands more who had refused to budge.

The United States and several of Indonesia's neighbours pledged help for a nation which often finds itself battling calamity, although Jakarta said it did not see a need for foreign assistance.

Medical personnel flew in on helicopters but rescue efforts have been hampered by bad weather and poor communications to the islands, which are about half a day's ferry ride away from the port of Padang on Sumatra.

Troops and naval personnel were also dispatched to the area

Argentine ex-president Nestor Kirchner dies

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP) - Former Argentine president Nestor Kirchner, the powerful husband of current leader Cristina Kirchner, died suddenly of a heart attack yesterday, throwing the government into uncertainty.

The Kirchners had been relaxing at their family home near the southern town of El Calafate when he suffered chest pains and was taken to a clinic.

Kirchner's official doctor, Luis Buonomo, said the former leader, 60, had a cardiac arrest and "passed away."

He will receive state honors before a burial, with his

body to be displayed today in the presidential palace in Buenos Aires, Labor Minister Carlos Tomada said.

The flag outside the palace was lowered to half-mast yesterday, and a message left by somebody on the gates read: "Be Strong, Madame President."

Kirchner, a millionaire with a personal fortune of some 11 million dollars, was president of Argentina from 2003 until 2007, when his wife was elected to succeed him.

Since May, he had been serving as head of the Union of South American Nations.

Bin Laden warns France over veil ban, Afghan war

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden warned France yesterday that its planned ban on the veil in public places and its involvement in the war in Afghanistan justified violence against its nationals.

France expressed concern and insisted on the need for vigilance, adding however that authorities were verifying the authenticity of the remarks.

In an audio recording aired by Al-Jazeera television, Bin Laden said last month's kidnapping of seven foreigners, five of them French, in the Sahara desert in northern Niger was a warning.

"How could you take part in occupying our countries and support the Americans in killing our children and women, and then expect to live in peace and security?" Bin Laden asked.

"It is very simple -- as you kill, you will be killed, as you take hostages, you will be taken hostages, and as you compromise our security, we will compromise your security," he said

in the message, which lasted 1 minute 55 seconds.

The Al-Qaeda leader warned the French government to pull its troops out of Afghanistan.

"The way to protect your security is to bring your tyranny against our nation to an end, most importantly to withdraw from the damned war of (former US president George W.) Bush in Afghanistan," he said.

Responding to the message, French Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux said France is under "real" terror threat which needs "total vigilance."

"We do know that the terrorist threat is real and vigilance must be total," Hortefeux told a National Assembly meeting in Paris.

"Based on what we currently know, these declarations only justify maintaining our response based on the terrorist threat," he said, referring to France's Vigipirate national security system which is now red alert -- one down from the highest scarlet level.

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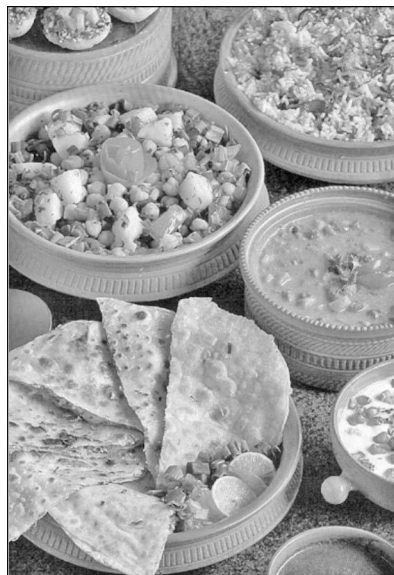
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Edward Spitzbarth honored at the Costa Linda Resort



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) honoured Edward Spitzbarth as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba for his 11th consecutive visit to our island. During a small ceremony, ATA associate Ricardo Croes handed him a beautiful certificate as a 'thank you' gesture for his love and loyalty to Aruba.



Information for small business

The SNBA together with ATIA is organizing an information night for small business.

An invitation goes to all SNBA members, ATIA members, entrepreneurs, interested people to be a part of this information session, to get new facts, exchange information and get motivated why owning and operating your business is the right thing to do for you. This is also an excellent opportunity to network and find out what the benefits are of being a member of both SNBA and ATIA.

Date: November 3, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Venue: YMCA San Nicolas

For more information visit the website:
<http://www.facebook.com/arubatrade>.

It's picnic time!

Quota International of Aruba organizes tremendous picnic style event

ORANJESTAD -- Quota International of Aruba announces that this year their fundraiser will be in a different style. On November 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. they will have a picnic, where all the ladies can wear carson piscado (Capri pants) and a wide hat and the gentlemen can wear Bermuda shorts with a polo shirt or a Guayabera. Thus the picnic will be in a relaxed ambiance. There will be a delicious local dish for lunch, and the entertainment will be by the Rincon Boyzz and Tsunami, who will

delight every one present with their tunes.

There will be many attractive door prizes, among others, a roundtrip ticket - courtesy of Tiara Air to any one of their destinations, hotel weekend stays, and restaurant dinners for two, gift certificates and cellular phones.

There will also be a silent auction, with art pieces from well-known artists such as Grace Ashruf, Harold Bronswinkel, Efraim Britten, Yahaira Croes and Osyth Henriquez and also wine bot-

tles, gift sets and special autographed posters of our Aruban pride, Dr. Edward Cheung, one of the principal Hubble telescope engineers at NASA and the designer of the ARUBA box that was launched into space.

As usual the proceeds of the fundraiser will go back to the community through different organizations that is working with, among others, the hearing impaired and women and children with difficulty, and other awareness projects and programs.

Budding Artists Join RBC/RBTT in Fight Against Children's Cancer

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad/Tobago -- Budding artists, aged 7 to 16 years, have joined RBC/RBTT's efforts to save Caribbean children diagnosed with cancer.

More than 200 submissions were received from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago for the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund's first Regional Art Competition themed "Imagine a Caribbean Christmas." Over 23 entries were submitted in Aruba.

The winning designs will be used to produce a package of Christmas cards for sale internationally to benefit the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund which provides treatment for children with the disease.

Entries have been adjudicated by a panel of judges and the winners will be presented with their awards at a prize-giving ceremony. The judges, art teachers, expressed satisfaction with the quality of the submissions.

"The submissions were quite strong compositions, with several original concepts. Most impressive were the students' interpretations and representations of Christmas in the Caribbean, creatively depicting iconic elements of the season," they said.

The Regional Art Competition is just one of the activities undertaken to raise funds for the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund. Young persons under the age of 16 years in every Caribbean jurisdiction where RBC and RBTT operate can apply to receive assistance for diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

RBC/RBTT has partnered with the Cancer Treatment Foundation (CTF) to achieve this objective. RBC/RBTT has committed US\$200,000 a year up to 2013 towards the cost of medical treatment for Paediatric Cancer patients and RBC and RBTT employees across the region have held several fundraisers.

To date, the Cancer Fund

has assisted five children. The first was a 16 year old boy from Grenada diagnosed with Lymphoma; the second, a two year old boy from Trinidad and Tobago diagnosed with liver cancer; a seven year old girl in the Bahamas with Osteogenic Sarcoma, a common type of pediatric bone cancer was the third; and a 13 year old boy from Trinidad, received a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan to aid in diagnosis. A 16 year old girl from Dominica with Parosteal Osteosarcoma, a type of bone tumor, is now undergoing treatment. The most recent application is for an 18-month old toddler from Grenada with Bladder Sarcoma.

Leukaemias and cancers of the brain and central nervous system account for more than half of childhood cancers. With early detection, recovery from common childhood cancers is good, with a cure rate of approximately 75%.

The Netherlands divided over role of Queen Beatrix

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The Netherlands is deeply divided over the role of the queen. She is now part of the government, but the Freedom Party of Geert Wilders wants to reduce her role to a ceremonial position, so the monarch would have no further involvement in the formation of a government. 48 percent of Dutch voters agree, but 46 percent are against.

This was revealed yesterday in a survey, in which 1400 people were questioned. Of the people who voted for the Freedom Party, more than three-quarters 76 percent want to reduce the monarch's current role.

That is much more than any other party, even the social-liberal D66 which has always advocated a more limited role for the monarch.



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At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa celebration in honor of Maikel Ras – Manager of the Year



General Manager Mr. Rob Smith and other employees with Mr Maikel Ras (center)



Palm Beach – Maikel Ras, Director of Information and Technology for the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa has just recently won the ultimate recognition when he was named recipient of the Shoco Award, as Manager of the Year.

The national recognition is bestowed by The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association, representing the highest island-wide Award of Excellence.

General Manager Rob Smith explains that Ras first won his resort's Manager of

the Year title in 2000 and repeated the achievement in 2009, as the only manager in history to win the title twice.

Smith reiterates that Ras is considered one of the most competent IT directors, within the parent company, Carlson Hotel & Resorts Worldwide, and that from a technological standpoint he runs one of the company's best set ups, here in Aruba, in full compliance of corporate security advancements and privacy technology, in addition

to having excellent resort knowledge and exceptional people skills, combined with the willingness to serve his community.

Ras who has worked at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa in different capacities for the past 16 years is very well liked and admired, and his colleagues were pleased to help him celebrate his success, at a roof top reception at sunset.

Lourdes Geerman who compiled the Shoco application on behalf of the resort re-

ports Ras is indeed multifaceted, a certificated pilot who served in the military for 4 years before becoming an hotelier.

The Shoco award incidentally, is not his first decoration, having earned one from the French Military Com-

mandos and from the Red Cross, also from a distressed and then relieved husband and wife, for having helped deliver their baby safely, nowhere near a hospital, when he was stationed as a soldier in St. Martin, mid-Hurricane Hugo.

Yvonne & Wolf pledge their love to one another



On October 10th 2010 Yvonne Veltink & Wolf Herlaar exchanged vows on the beach in front of Amsterdam Manor's famous Divi Trees.

The couple has been visiting Aruba, at least once a year, for several years now and have many friends living on the island.

The couple expressed that they chose the location because of its uniqueness (the two Divi trees), and on the recommendation of their travel agent.

After the beach blessing Yvonne, Wolf and friends dined at the beautiful and romantic Passions on the Beach Restaurant.

To sum it up they said: "Our wedding day was Fantastic; tremendous friends surrounding us, great location, a night to be remembered."

Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort and The Morning News wish the Couple all the best in their married life!

Brenda Tromp wins a trip for two, to Shakira Concert in Chicago



Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V. recently launched a tremendous campaign SETAR ON TOUR, where participants can win free concert tickets. This time the prize is a roundtrip FREE ticket for two, hotel stay and US\$ 200 pocket money, to see the Shakira Concert in Chicago, Illinois. And the lucky winner is Brenda Tromp. She will travel with a friend to Chicago from October 28 to 31. Picture shows Brenda Tromp receiving her prize from SETAR Marketing Department representative Roxanne Ras.

Nadine Raphaela Farro is the first winner of ATIA's Facebook campaign



Aruba Trade and Industry Association, ATIA, recently launched its page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Arubatrade. The idea is for ATIA to be in close contact with the community in general and the youth in particular who has shown much interest in ATIA. Already the association has 298 fans and the number keeps growing.

In connection with its 65th anniversary ATIA is offering its fans the opportunity to win a FREE ticket for their Anniversary Dinner on November 6 at the Marriott Hotel.

The first winner is Nadine Raphaela Farro who claimed her ticket at the ATIA office.

ATIA announces that as soon as the amount of fans reaches 500, it will pick another winner. The prize: two FREE tickets for the November 6 event. The only request is: become a fan of ATIA and share the information on Facebook with as many persons as possible.

ATIA invites all interested persons who wants to know learn more about ATIA to visit its fanpage on Facebook and/or its website www.atia.aruba.org

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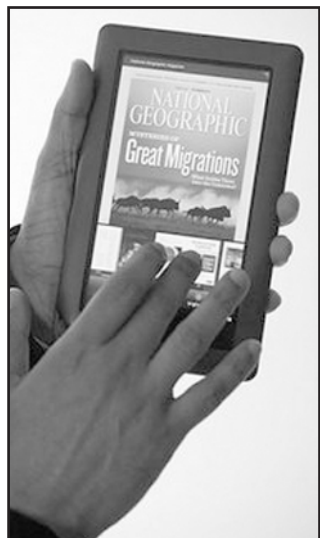
The Culinary Team of Celebrity Millennium Visits El Gaucho



GTS Millennium, the flagship of the Millennium Class of cruise ships, operated by Celebrity Cruises visited the port of Oranjestad this week. While docked ashore the entire culinary brigade including the executive chef, the director of food and beverage and his corporate counterpart, stopped at El Gaucho for a delicious meal. It's already a tradition, says John Paul Lamb, the F&B Manager, when ashore, we head for an excellent meal at El Gaucho, we deserve the rest, he banters! As a matter of fact, they do, as Celebrity Millennium boasts a two-level main dining room, and a buffet that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, catering over 3,000 meals a day. Pictures here the culinary dignitaries dining in great style, over bottomless glasses of sangria at El Gaucho Argentine Grill.

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Barnes & Noble unveils color e-reader



NEW YORK (AFP) – US bookstore giant Barnes & Noble unveiled a color electronic book reader on Tuesday, getting the jump on rivals Amazon and Sony.

The Nook Color features a seven-inch (18-centimeter) touchscreen display and sells for 249 dollars, about half the price of Apple's cheapest iPad and about 100 dollars

more than the black-and-white Nook released last year.

Barnes & Noble said customers could immediately purchase the Nook Color, which is powered by Google's Android software and has eight gigabytes of memory, through the bookseller's website with shipping beginning around November 19.

"With Nook Color, we've combined the functionality and convenience of a seven-inch portable wireless tablet with the reader-centricity of a dedicated e-reader," Barnes & Noble chief executive William Lynch said in a statement.

"Nook Color enables Web browsing over Wi-Fi, music, games and much more, but reading anything and everything in brilliant color is the killer app and squarely the product's focus."

Sci-Tech

Overhauled Yahoo! email makes it debut



SUNNYVALE, California (AFP) – An overhauled version of Yahoo! Mail has been rolled out as the pioneering Internet firm sought to better integrate trends such as social networking.

A beta, or test, version of Yahoo! Mail has been streamlined for speed and designed to let people easily send or receive Facebook updates or Twitter messages directly from their inboxes.

"We re-architected the product from the ground up," said Yahoo! vice president of product management communications Kakul Srivastava. "This is a major launch for us."

Along with being built to be "blindingly fast," Yahoo! Mail pages were re-designed to reduce clutter and put "what is most important to you front and center," she added.

For example, messages from people listed among a person's contacts are given priority and raised to the tops of inboxes.

Search tools were improved to make it easier to find pictures, videos or other

information in email inboxes that provide unlimited storage space.

The email service was engineered to recognize Internet links to videos or photos, then automatically display thumbnail previews of images.

Video from links to trusted venues such as YouTube can be played in Yahoo! Mail.

A "What's New" tab in Yahoo! Mail lets users see or send Facebook updates or Twitter "tweets." Yahoo! would not discuss any financial terms associated with the collaborations.

"We understand people want to communicate through different types of mechanisms and we want to integrate that into Yahoo! Mail," Srivastava said.

"People can communicate through SMS, microblogging, social networks."

Yahoo! "doubled down" on spam fighting technology to filter out junk email. The email service was also better tailored to mobile devices in a nod to the booming popularity of smartphones and tablet computers.

Yahoo! Mail reports have 273 million monthly users globally, and claims its ranks of users in the United States are double those of Google's Gmail and Microsoft's Hotmail.

People can opt into the beta version of Yahoo! Mail at features.mail.yahoo.com, with feedback used to craft a final version that will become standard for all users.

The more social email service was among projects highlighted at a "Product Runway" at Yahoo!'s campus in Sunnyvale, California, in September.

The faded Internet search star has been redefining itself after forming an alliance with Microsoft to have Bing handle online queries at Yahoo! web pages.

"You are going to see some changes from us," Yahoo! chief product officer Blake Irving promised at the 'Product Runway' event.

Irving joined Yahoo! a hundred days earlier as part of change brought about by chief executive Carol Bartz, who replaced company co-founder Jerry Yang as head of what was a floundering Internet search pioneer being lost in Google's growing shadow.

Yahoo! said it was changing its style to be more "iterative," upgrading and evolving Web pages, tools and offerings routinely and often.

LimeWire shut down by US court



NEW YORK (AFP) – Popular online file-sharing service LimeWire was shut down by a US federal court on Tuesday following a lawsuit filed by the music industry.

The move came a little more than five months after a US judge ruled in favor of 13 music companies in a copyright infringement and unfair competition case brought against LimeWire.

LimeWire.com featured a legal notice on its home page on Tuesday stating it was "under a court-ordered injunction to stop distributing and supporting its file-shar-

ing software."

The legal notice linked to the court order from US District Court Judge Kimba Wood ordering the closure of the service.

LimeWire chief executive George Searle said in a statement he was "disappointed with this turn of events."

"We are extremely proud of our pioneering history and have, for years, worked hard to bridge the gap between technology and content rights holders," Searle said. "However, at this time, we have no option but to cease further distribution and support of

our software."

Searle thanked users of the service and said "our team of technologists and music enthusiasts are creating a completely new music service that puts you back at the center of your digital music experience."

"We'll be sharing more details about our new service and look forward to bringing it to you in the future," he said.

The 13 music companies filed their complaint against

LimeWire in 2006 and Judge Wood ruled in their favor in May. In June, eight members of the National Music Publishers' Association filed a separate copyright suit against LimeWire.

LimeWire software was released in August 2000 and uses peer-to-peer, or P2P, technology to allow users to share music or other files over the Internet.

LimeWire is owned by the Lime Group, a New York-based company.

DID YOU KNOW?

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* Mosquitos are attracted most to the color blue.

* There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body.

* It takes 17 muscles to smile while taking 43 muscles to frown.

* More germs are transferred when shaking hands than kissing.

* The coldest temperature ever recorded was a negative 126.9 degrees fahrenheit in Vostok Station, Antarctica.

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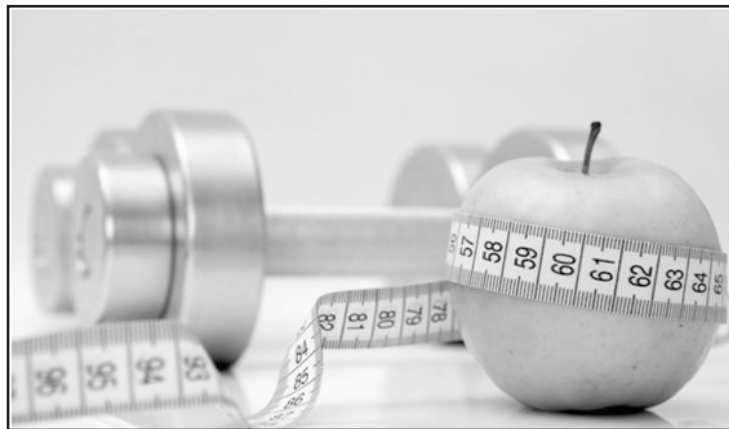
WASHINGTON (AFP) - Researchers have uncovered more reason to believe that properly managed diet and exercise can help overweight, obese and severely obese people lose weight, two studies have suggested.

The studies, show that behavioral changes can have a significant impact, in contrast to increasingly popular surgical interventions, such as gastric bypass procedures.

Both studies used prepackaged meals as part of their evaluations, and offered financial incentives to those participating.

One study used Jenny Craig weight loss products. Led by Cheryl Rock of the Moores Cancer Center in California and funded by Jenny Craig, researchers conducted a two-year trial of weight loss and maintenance among 442 overweight or obese women aged 18 to 69.

Their Body Mass Index -- a measure of body fat based on height and weight -- was 25 or higher. Normal BMI ranges are typically 18.5-



24.9.

The subjects received in-person or telephone counseling as well as free, prepackaged foods and instructions for increased physical activity for 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

After two years, the average weight loss for women in the center-based group was about 16 pounds (seven kilograms) or 7.9 percent of their initial weight.

The telephone-based group lost about 14 pounds (six kilograms) or 6.8 percent of their body weight.

Women in a control group

received two individualized weight loss counseling sessions with a dietitian and monthly counseling. They lost 4.5 pounds (two kilograms) or 2.1 percent of their body weight.

By the end of the study, more than half of participants in either the center-based or telephone-based intervention groups had at least five percent weight loss, compared to 29 percent for the control group.

"Findings from this study suggest that this incentivized structured weight loss program with free prepared

meals can effectively promote weight loss compared with usual care group," the authors said.

"Importantly, weight loss was largely maintained at two-year follow-up."

They noted that even small weight changes can reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

The second, intensive one-year study led by Bret Goodpaster of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, reached similar conclusions.

It evaluated 130 severely obese adult men and women without diabetes, randomly assigning them to either a group that dieted and exercised for all 12 months, or another group with the same dietary intervention but with physical activity delayed for six months.

Exercise included walking briskly for up to 60 minutes for five days a week for a target of at least 10,000 steps a day. Participants also received small financial incen-

tives to reach their goals, regular contact with a nutritionist and some free meals.

After six months, the group that began with the diet and physical activity lost more weight in the first six months than the group that delayed exercise -- 24 pounds (11 kilograms) versus 18 pounds (eight kilograms).

But by the end of the study, weight loss was nearly identical for both groups -- nearly 27 pounds (12 kilograms) against 22 pounds (10 kilograms).

The researchers noted that participants in both groups also had reduced waist circumference, blood pressure, insulin resistance, visceral abdominal fat and liver fat content.

Obesity is among the most serious public health problems of the 21st century, the papers said, noting that obesity has spread rapidly over the past three decades, especially among African-American women.

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David Theysen, GM of Stern Motors, exclusive agents for Chevrolet on Aruba, was proud to announce distributorship's full sponsorship of the young adult soccer team from their barrio, S.V. Juventud Tanki Leendert.

Theysen was joined by team coach Fernando Tromp and League President Rolando de Cuba in the ritual "baptism" of the team's new uniforms with champagne at the Stern showroom in Tanki Leendert at the close of business on Tuesday, October 26. Coach Tromp declared they have a vital, talented and de-

termined team this year, committed to "going all the way to the championship."

S.V. Juventud Tanki Leendert is a team that has existed for twenty years, and many of the members are veteran players, having started since early childhood with Aruba's "Little League" of soccer, LI-FIDA. In recognition of their new sponsor, the team announced they will now play under the name of the "Chevy Buffalos"

Mr. Theysen declared he and Chevrolet are pleased to sponsor healthy pastimes for local youth, and is certain the

Chevy Buffalos will bring honor to the name.

A casual celebratory soiree was attended by all the Stern staff and the team members, Offence: Ranzino Lacle, Augustin Kelly, Anwar Diaz, Andre Kelly, Aldrick Jacobs, Haime Bernabela, Patrick Petrochi, Venancio Kock, Luis Salinas, Jason Lejuez.

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business and personal relationships.

Held 14 years in a row, guests were headquartered here at the Occidental Grand enjoying a weekend of Deep-Sea Fishing, Golf and other planned activities including a Marketplace Tradeshow. Pamela Shepherd, of the Aruba Convention Bureau, helped orchestrate the schedule on behalf of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association.

On their second night here dignitaries were treated to the culinary excellence of the Renaissance Convention Center dining leisurely to the music of Dave Cousins and his band. On the menu, do-it-yourself Chicken Hot Pot, inviting guests to make their own delicious version with mushrooms, tofu, ginger, bean sprouts, pack soy, chicken, fried rice or noodles, chased by a rich grilled vari-

ety of dishes, from marinated lamb chops to filet mignon, baby lobster tails and tuna with ginger soy.

Pictured here, guests from the University of California, San Diego, AmerAssure Marketing Group, Utilities Service Alliance, Grace Management, and American Council on Education, among others, mingling with their hosts from RYMARK and the executives of the Renaissance.

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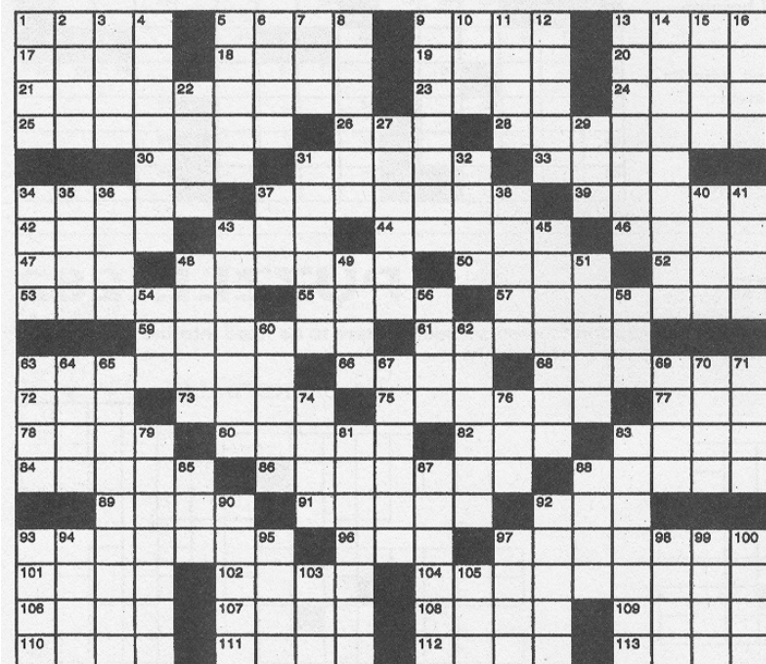
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80. Masonic doorkeeper
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89. Shortly
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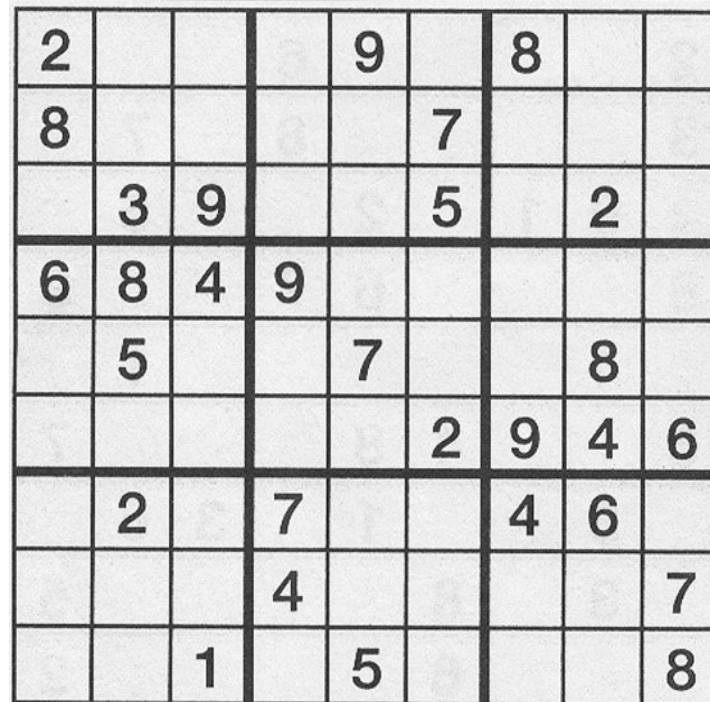
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Eurozone deficits must risk swift penalties

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) - Eurozone countries which break overspending rules must be hit with automatic penalties, the top economist at the European Central Bank (ECB) Juergen Stark said yesterday.

His remarks put him in line with the head of the Eurogroup of eurozone finance ministers who strongly attacked a French-German proposal to tighten the rules as being weak and unconvincing, in remarks published today.

Stark said in a speech delivered in Wiesbaden, western Germany: "We need more respect for the rules, and for that, to progressively introduce automatic sanctions when there is an infraction of those rules."

"Sanctions must be a credible option," Stark stressed. "The debates of recent days and weeks make me doubt that all decision-makers have realised this."

On October 18, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy struck a deal under which Berlin will not insist on automatic sanctions for countries which breach terms of the European Union's Sta-

bility and Growth Pact.

Since Greece came close to insolvency at the beginning of this year, focusing attention of deep deficit and debt problems in several eurozone countries, several key eurozone figures have spoken strongly of the need for tougher rules and tough enforcement.

"Instead of continuing to deny that membership of a currency union restricts national economic and fiscal policy, all members of the euro zone should admit the reality of the euro," Stark said.

"We need more clarity, clearly separated mandates and a de-politisation of many decision making processes," the ECB economist said.

In addition to financial penalties and suppression of EU subsidies, Stark said countries that breached EU rules should be deprived of voting rights at the European Council.

When the euro was being created at the end of the 1990s, Germany proposed tough, automatic fines for countries which broke the rules, but France successfully watered these down. The Stability Pact was the result, subsequently re-named the Stability and Growth Pact.

Apple delays release of white iPhone again

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Apple fans are going to have to wait a bit longer to get their hands on a white iPhone 4.

"We're sorry to disappoint customers waiting for the white iPhone yet again, but we've decided to delay its release until this spring," Trudy Muller, an Apple spokeswoman, said yesterday.

Muller declined to give any reason for the latest delay.

Apple began selling black versions of the iPhone 4 in June and said the white model would be on the market in July.

In July, however, the gadget-maker said "white models of Apple's new iPhone 4 have continued to be more

challenging to manufacture than we originally expected" and would not be available until later in the year.

The release of the iPhone 4 has been particularly turbulent for Apple, featuring a sneak preview of the device on the Internet after it was obtained by technology blog Gizmodo and antenna issues.

Nevertheless, Apple described the iPhone 4 as its most successful product launch ever, with more than three million sold in the first three weeks after its debut.

Apple said last week that it sold 14.1 million iPhones during the latest quarter, up 91 percent from a year ago.

Moody's: US companies stash one trillion dollars in cash

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US companies are hoarding nearly one trillion dollars of cash that they are unlikely to use for expansion amid a muddled outlook on economic recovery, rating agency Moody's said yesterday.

"Companies will hesitate to spend their cash hoards on expansion until there is greater certainty about the direction of the US economy," said Steven Oman, senior vice president at Moody's Investor Service.

A new Moody's study of corporate cash balances found that US companies, excluding financial firms, had about 943 billion dollars of

cash and short-term investments on their balance sheets at mid-year 2010. The 20 most cash-rich companies had a combined 346 billion dollars.

By comparison, Moody's said, at the end of 2008, companies had 775 billion dollars of cash.

The economy contracted 6.8 percent in the fourth quarter that year; the worst recession since the Great Depression officially ended in June 2009.

The rating agency noted the companies' apprehension in the face of the weak recovery which slowed to a 1.7 percent growth in economic output in the second quarter

of 2010 and has left persistently high unemployment.

"Given low demand and capacity utilization within certain industries, companies are wary of investing their cash in new capacity and adding workers, thereby doing little to abbreviate the jobless recovery," it said.

Moody's forecast that as the economy stabilizes, companies most likely would use their cash for share repurchases and acquisitions.

The US Federal Reserve is widely expected to announce next week it will resume major long-term asset purchases, known as quantitative easing, to support the flagging recovery.

S.Africa raises growth forecast, warns on jobs

South African workers are seen demonstrating in 2000 as part of a nationwide strike held by the trade union federation COSATU, protesting against job losses and unemployment plaguing the South African economy. South Africa's economy will grow a better-than-expected 3.0 percent this year, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said yesterday, warning the rate was still too low to tackle unemployment



Eurozone banks seeking less funds

PAPHOS, Cyprus (AFP) - European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet said yesterday that banks have asked for less funding this week, a possible sign they are more confident in the outlook.

"We have seen that the banks themselves are asking for less liquidity than they had asked for before," Trichet told a news conference in the eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

"We will continue to be very, very careful in monitoring the situation, with great pragmatism in this domain," he said on the sidelines of a meeting of European and

Mediterranean central bank governors.

To help the banks weather the global financial crisis the ECB has been making funding available to them on easier terms in an effort to ensure that they will lend to business and so support the economic recovery.

As conditions have improved in recent months, the amount the banks have sought has been falling, signalling that their underlying financial position may be getting stronger.

Trichet also insisted that independence is the "fundamental feature" of the ECB.

"I have absolutely no fear of any kind in this domain," he said.

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is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal

was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza

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'Military regime' in battle for Venezuela's beautiful prize



CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) – "It's not true that we only eat celery all day," said Eliana Calicchia, a finalist in the Miss Venezuela beauty contest, famed both for its strict rules and production of world-renowned beauties.

"There are sacrifices and sometimes you wish you could eat something, but then you think of the positive side," said Calicchia ahead of today's final, where the latest queen will be selected from 28 slender, short-listed hopefuls.

Venezuela has long been a beauty factory -- it has six Miss Universe titles which make it almost level with the United States overall, even though with only 26 million people it has less than one tenth of America's population.

Behind the South American nation's success is the Miss Venezuela franchise and its determined president, Osmel Sousa, who proudly supports cosmetic surgery.

Sousa, who has been at the helm since 1981, decides changes in weight, hair, make-up and teeth for each of

the 28 finalists as well as the "errors of nature" which need to be corrected with surgery - financed by the competition organizers.

"This is a contest of beauty, not of naturalness," Sousa told AFP.

In one of the world's most beauty-obsessed countries, the Miss Venezuela competition each year attracts more than 7,000 women prepared to reduce their waistlines, go under the scalpel and follow tough fitness programs in what Sousa calls an "almost military" regime.

"You need a lot of conviction to do this," said Isabel Castillo, one finalist.

"The heels are the worst. I'm used to them but after a while I can't feel my feet," said Axel Lopez, a 20-year-old graphic designer practicing her catwalk moves with the other 27 candidates.

Before they even imagine the luxury contracts and prizes at the end of top international contests, the goal of parading on a catwalk in front of millions of people in the nationwide contest is enough motivation for many to com-

pletely change their lives.

From spending hours on basketball courts and athletics tracks, Andrea Escobar turned to strutting confidently in 12-centimeter (five-inch) heels.

"I used to wear shorts and T-shirts and I never did my hair or wore make-up or jewellery. It was quite a sudden change," Escobar said, smiling.

"Instead of a basketball, I now carry lipstick. Now I'm not a basketball player, I'm feminine like my family always wanted to see."

For those short-listed, the day starts at dawn and includes gym sessions, catwalk classes, choreography, public speaking and wardrobe classes.

"Miss Venezuela is known for its discipline. It's a great responsibility to be here," Lopez said.

The women soon realize that the role is no nine-to-five job, learning to be groomed and smartly-dressed for evening events to promote the competition.

"You belong to the Miss Venezuela organization and your time is at their disposal," said Escobar, who suspended her studies to take part in the competition.

In the 1990s, the organization was the local business which showed most international success, and it has won around 70 worldwide beauty crowns, according to its website.

"I feel the same as the manager of a tomato factory or whatever: I have to maintain a product line that is important for the country," Sousa said.

Aussie Kylie should be so lucky to put name to mango

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) - Sugary pop star Kylie Minogue could be about to get a little sweeter -- an Australian politician wants to name a new variety of mango in her honour.

Scientists have developed three new mangos in the Northern Territory and the region's primary industry minister Kon Vatskalis wants one named for the pint-sized former "Neighbours" star who has won worldwide fame as a singer.

"I think Kylie should be so lucky to have this mango variety named after her," Vatskalis said in a statement yesterday.

"She is the princess of pop



Kylie Minogue

and just like royalty it would be fitting to have a Territory icon named after her."

Vatskalis said he would send Minogue a batch of the mangos so she could be one

of the first people to sample the new varieties of the tropical fruit.

The three new versions, developed after 16 years of research as part of Australia's National Mango Breeding Program, have a higher blush colour which is designed to make them more appealing to shoppers.

They are also more productive and able to be harvested for longer than current varieties.

Vatskalis said he would lobby the breeding program to name the mango after Minogue before of its expected release for sale in late 2012.

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Mexico aims to build record-setting burrito

LA PAZ, Mexico (AFP) – More than 3,000 people will roll up a 2.7-kilometer (1.7-mile) burrito next month in Mexico, hoping to break the last Guinness World Records-setting megamorsel by 700 meters.

"Fifty-four restaurants and more than 3,000 people, including cooks and gastronomy students" will prepare the 30-centimeter (12-inch)-wide wrap on November 3, National Chamber of Spicy Food Restaurant

Industry president Lorena Hinojosa told reporters.

The current record-holding burrito was made in 2000 in eastern Reynosa, on the US border. It stretched two kilometers (1.25 miles) from end to end.

Hinojosa said the rival burrito will take 12 hours to make, starting at midnight, and will pack three tons of fish, two tons of corn flour, half a ton of beans, 200 kilograms (450 pounds) of butter



and 200 kilograms of salt.

Once finished and measured for the record book, the burrito will be sliced up and served to 27,000 awaiting people in the Baja California capital La Paz at no charge, she added.

One of Mexico's traditional fares, the burrito was first put together during the Mexican revolution (1910-1920) in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

World War Two bombs found on Galapagos Islands

QUITO, Ecuador -- Fishermen have found a dozen bombs believed to be from World War Two buried on the Galapagos Islands, a local government official said.

The bombs were found on Bartolome Island, one of the Galapagos group located about 600 miles (966 km) off South America's northwest coast.

The islands are a province of Ecuador, which let the

United States set up a military base on one, Baltra Island, during World War Two due to its strategic location southwest of the Panama Canal.

Luis Martinez, chief of operations for Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz Island, said that the bombs posed no danger to the public but that the Ecuadorean navy had been informed as a precaution.

Lakers unveil banner, beat Rockets in season opener



LOS ANGELES (AFP) – The Los Angeles Lakers began their quest for a third-straight crown with an heart-felt ring ceremony followed by the unveiling of their 16th purple-and-gold championship banner.

The defending National Basketball Association champions opened the 2010-11 season on a winning note against Yao Ming's Houston Rockets.

Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and Pau Gasol had 29 points and 11 rebounds as the Lakers rallied from a 15-point first half deficit to beat the Rockets 112-110.

"This ring ceremony is something that nobody can ever, ever take away," said Lakers guard Shannon Brown.

The revamped Miami Heat and the juggernaut Boston Celtics will be hoping to dethrone the Lakers. In the West, Houston is one of the teams looking to challenge Los Angeles.

The night started with a on-court ceremony which featured each of the players being awarded their rings which were earned by beating Boston in seven games

four months ago.

The rings were presented to the players by commissioner David Stern with Lakers executive vice-president Jeanie Buss standing next to him.

"This is what we played for," said coach Phil Jackson raising his 16-white diamond encrusted ring in the air.

"It is amazing to see the whole city get behind this team," Kobe Bryant told the sold-out crowd of 18,997 as they chanted "MVP, MVP, MVP". The chant was repeated during the fourth quarter of the game when Bryant went to the free throw line.

Bryant did Tuesday what he has done with his four previous championship rings. He slipped the ring on his right finger for the only time before putting it back in the custom designed black box that would soon end up safely stored away in a vault with the others.

Artest, who hit a crucial three pointer in the final minute of game seven in last year's finals against the Celtics, has other plans for his first championship ring.

Artest plans to raffle off his ring this week with the

proceeds going to charity.

"It is an honour to get this ring," Artest said before introducing Andrew Bynum so he could come up and collect his ring.

If the Lakers are going to make another long playoff run they are going to have to stay healthy. Bryant and Bynum both had off season knee surgery.

Bryant played just over 37 minutes Tuesday as he continues to test his surgically-repaired right knee. He elected not to have surgery on his right index finger which he broke in December.

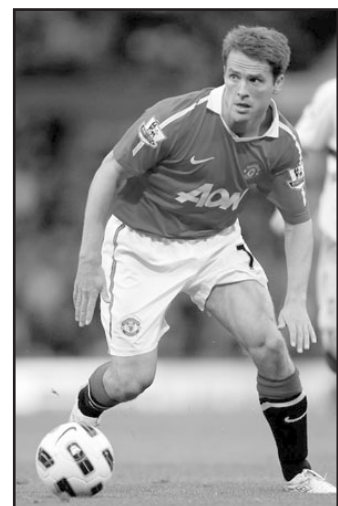
Bynum isn't expected to make his season debut until American Thanksgiving in November.

Lakers coach Jackson is seeking his 12th title overall, six in Los Angeles to go with the half dozen he won with the Chicago Bulls.

Jackson has said he would retire at the end of this season, calling this his "last stand."

China's giant centre Yao played 23 minutes Tuesday and finished with nine points and 11 rebounds in his first meaningful game since returning from a foot injury suffered in May 2009.

Owen defends fellow pros



LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United striker Michael Owen has come out in defence of his fellow professionals saying that not all of them are overpaid, arrogant and with over-sized egos.

His comments follow another round of negative headlines regarding the behaviour of some high earners in the Premier League stemming from Wayne Rooney's massive new contract at Old Trafford.

This came against the backdrop of the government's recent spending review, with footballers becoming an easy target for critics, with some quick to brand them as being out of touch with the rest of society.

"People like to judge footballers as a whole, but I think that's pretty unfair," Owen told BBC Radio 5 Live.

"Everyone's different. I've met some footballers that are absolutely fantastic people, are always visiting sick kids, they do things for charities, but they don't ask for any

press coverage.

"They just go about it because they want to do it. Some don't, but that's not to say they're bad people.

"I think it's dangerous if you generalise and say 'all footballers are this, all footballers are that'.

"We're all individuals, we all do our different things, and the common thing is we all go out on a Saturday afternoon and play on the football pitch.

"But apart from that every footballer's different."

Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed that both he and the rest of the squad received an apology from Rooney for his recent comments regarding the club's direction, and Owen feels the 25-year-old was right to do so.

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Ochoa happy to have quit at the top



Ochoa was speaking to reporters ahead of the Mission Hills Star Trophy pro-celebrity tournament in Haikou, southern China, where she is among the field of professionals chasing a 1.28-million-dollar purse.

The four-time LPGA player of the year, who notched up 27 career wins including two majors, said since leaving the tour at the age of 28 she had been able to enjoy golf

without feeling pressure.

"For sure I miss (it), I would be lying if I said no, but I am also super happy. Every day it's more clear to me I made the right decision at the right time," she told reporters.

"I achieved what I wanted to achieve and I wanted to retire as number one in the world.

"It was just the right thing to do for me. I knew I didn't want to play forever -- I wanted to play for a few years and then move on and do different things."

Celebrities taking part in the Star Trophy include Hollywood stars Catherine Zeta-Jones, Hugh Grant and Christian Slater, as well as multiple Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps.

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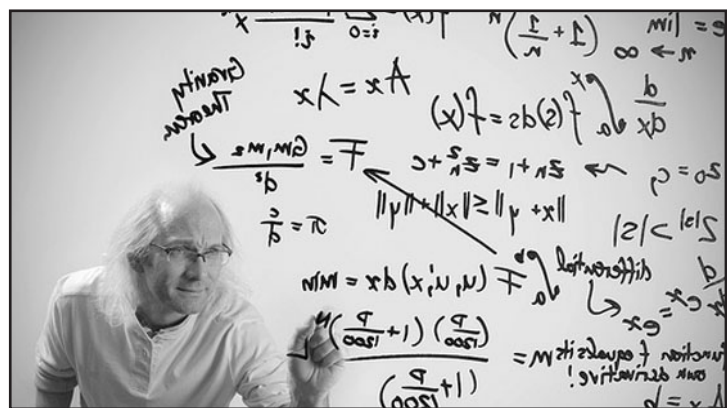
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Mathematician: Rangers will defeat Giants in World Series



The 2010 World Series started yesterday (Wednesday) and statistically, the Texas Rangers are in a good position to defeat the San Francisco Giants, according to mathematician Bruce Bukiet from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

"I have crunched the numbers for the World Series and it looks like the Texas Rangers should have a 65 percent chance of defeating the San Francisco Giants," Bukiet said.

His prediction comes despite the Giants having the home field advantage - Texas is 0-9 at AT&T Park and has lost 11 straight games in San Francisco in the past.

Bukiet, an associate math professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, has a set of models he developed to predict the outcome of baseball seasons and playoff series. The model takes into account various factors - including hitters, the bench, starting pitcher, lineup, relievers and home-field advantage - to determine the probability of whether or not a team will beat their competitor.

Earlier in the season, Bukiet's predictions of which teams would make the playoffs panned out, with six out of the eight teams he suggested making it, the two that

didn't were the Cardinals and the Dodgers. He also predicted that the New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, the Rangers and the Giants would come out on top in the playoffs to vie for the league championships.

Bukiet also predicted that the Rangers would beat out the Yankees for a spot in the World Series.

"I had the Rangers in the second round to beat the Yankees," Bukiet said. "It surprised me, but that was what the math said and the math was right."

As for how the World Series will turn out, Bukiet said, "When I did the math, I got 65 percent in favor of the Rangers, which was the most dominant of the Series according to my math."

Bukiet was surprised that a certain advantage did nothing to bolster the Giants' chances as well.

"The Giants have home-field advantage and yet have only a 35 percent chance of winning the Series, which is pretty unusual," he said.

According to his math, there is a 23 percent chance that the Rangers will win the Series in five games, although the most likely number of games that it will take to win the Series will be seven.

Celtics spoil debut of Heat's 'Big 3'

BOSTON (AFP) - The Miami Heat and their vaunted "Big Three" were the hottest ticket in town, but they started off cold and even once LeBron James warmed up they couldn't stop the Boston Celtics.

In the first game of the NBA season, the league's latest star-studded team managed just nine points in the first quarter and fell 88-80 to the veteran Celtics.

"This is one of 82," Dwyane Wade said. "Sorry if everyone thought we were going to go 82 and 0. It just ain't happening."

Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen - Boston's own "Big Three" who showed in 2007-08 that a trio of superstars could mesh into a championship team - showed Miami's star trio of James, Chris Bosh and Wade how it's done.

"Right now it's a feel-out process for myself, for D-Wade, for Chris and for the rest of the guys," James said.

Before the game James said that Celtics trio was a model of what he, Bosh and Wade hoped to achieve after coming together in Miami in a seismic free agent shift.

"They sacrificed everything. They didn't worry



new start. I'm excited about this season. I'm excited about this team and this franchise," James said. "I'm excited to get it going in a city where (I've) struggled."

Despite the Celtics' status as reigning conference champs, it was the Heat - and James, Bosh and Wade in particular - attracting the big media contingent and driving up the price of game tickets into five figures on resale sites on the internet.

Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said some 500 journalists had received credentials for the contest, four times the normal number.

"You don't usually see this many cameras unless you're in the finals," Wade commented after a morning shoot-around. "And it's the first game of the season."

Wade, Bosh and James played together just three minutes during the pre-season before Wade strained his right hamstring in the October 5 exhibition opener. He returned to practice on Saturday.

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Sneijder tipped to claim first FIFA Ballon d'Or



PARIS (AFP) - Despite the heartbreak of losing the World Cup final with the Netherlands, Wesley Sneijder is the bookmakers' favourite to walk away with the inaugural FIFA Ballon d'Or award.

The attacking midfielder was on the losing side in Johannesburg on July 11, when Spain defeated Holland 1-0 to claim their first ever World Cup title.

Spanish midfielders Xavi and Andres Iniesta are also strong contenders for the prestigious prize, but the presence of the Barcelona pair on the shortlist could split the pro-Spanish votes to Sneijder's advantage.

More significantly, the 26-year-old Dutchman enjoyed a glittering debut season at Inter Milan that culminated in an unprecedented treble of the Italian league title, the Coppa Italia (Italian Cup) and the European Champions League.

Sneijder leads the running for the award at 6-4 with British bookmakers William Hill, while Xavi is at 7/2 and Iniesta, who scored the extra-time winner in the World Cup final, is at 11/2.

The FIFA Ballon d'Or gala takes place in Zurich on January 10 and the ceremony will mark the marriage of FIFA's World Player of the Year prize and the Ballon d'Or, which has been awarded by France Football magazine since 1956.

In recent years the two awards have often gone to the same player and Barcelona forward Lionel Messi is the current holder of both trophies.

The prolific Argentine attacker failed to truly sparkle at the World Cup, as his country fell to Germany in the quarter-finals, but he is at 4/1 with William Hill after netting 45 goals in all competitions for Barcelona last season.

The shortlist for the FIFA Ballon d'Or is dominated by players who starred at the World Cup in South Africa and the award has traditionally been awarded to players who have excelled in the quadrennial showpiece.

Fabio Cannavaro doubled up in the Ballon d'Or and the FIFA World Player of the Year after captaining Italy to World Cup glory in 2006, four years after Ronaldo's feats with Brazil in 2002 were similarly rewarded.

David Villa, Spain's top scorer at the World Cup with five goals, is at 9/1 with William Hill, with Uruguay striker Diego Forlan, the player of the tournament, at 16/1 and Germany's Golden Boot winner Thomas Mueller at 33-1.

Seven Spanish players made the shortlist, with goalkeeper Iker Casillas, centre-back Carles Puyol and midfielders Xabi Alonso and Cesc Fabregas joining Xavi, Iniesta and Villa among the 23 nominees.

Conspicuous by his absence, however, was Inter's Argentine striker Diego Milito, who scored 32 times last season -- including both goals in the 2-0 Champions League final victory over Bayern Munich -- but failed to make an impact at the World Cup.

High-profile failure at the World Cup was also responsible for the absence from the shortlist of any players from European heavyweights England, France and Italy.

Combining the voting criteria from the FIFA award and the Ballon d'Or, the winner of the new prize will be voted for by the captains and head coaches of the national teams as well as media representatives chosen by France Football.

January's ceremony will also see FIFA issue their first ever award for the World Coach of the Year.

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque leads the 10-man shortlist, but he is likely to face a strong challenge from Portuguese tactical maestro Jose Mourinho, who led Inter to the treble before joining Real Madrid in the summer.

In the women's FIFA World Player of the Year award, star Brazilian forward Marta is aiming to win an unprecedented fifth consecutive gong following her move to American outfit FC Gold Pride.



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